(b) and (c) Action to select suitable land sites has been initiated and orders for supply of major equipment in respect of the projects at Hinganghat and Khamgaon have been placed. All the three transimtters have been planned to be commissioned into service in the latter half of 1992.

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Increase in capacity of Doordarshan Kendra at Akola

2122. SHRI PANDURANG PUNDLIK FUNDKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the capacity of Doordarshan Kendra at Akola in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c) No, Sir. There is no proposal at present to increase the radiating power of the low power TV transmitter functioning at Akola. However, plans have been made to set up another low power TV transmitter in the area for improvement of coverage of the district.

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Connecting villages with all weather roads

2123. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:

SHRI MAHESH KUMAR KANODIA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages connected with all weather roads as on April 1, 1991, State-wise;

(b) the target for connecting villages with roads during 1991-92, Statewise;

(c) whether any time bound programme has been formulated in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) to (d) Construction of rural roads is basically the responsibility of the State Governments and is covered under the State-Sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP). Information in this regard is being collected from the respective State Governments and will be placed on the Table of the House shortly.

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Selling of sub-standard goods by Kendriya Bhandar Stores

2124. SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the stores of Kendriya Bhandar are selling sub-standard goods;

(b) whether the Government are also aware that the stores of Kendriya Bhandar at Peshwa Road, Gole Market is selling often very inferior and contaminated pulses and also runs short of goods and that the consumers are not treated properly;

(c) whether it is a fact that contaminated and fosted pulses are washed and dried and then sold and if so, the action being taken against guilty salesmen; and

(d) the steps being taken to improve the functioning of the Kendriya Bhandar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d) Complaints about the Kendriya Bhandar selling sub-standard goods have been brought to the notice of the Government in the past. The Bhandar's manage-